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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF
 ARIZONA PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY FOR
 AN ORDER OR ORDERS AUTHORIZING IT TO
 ISSUE, INCUR, OR ASSUME EVIDENCES OF
 LONG-TERM INDEBTEDNESS; TO ACQUIRE A
 FINANCIAL INTEREST OR INTERESTS IN AN
 AFFILIATE OR AFFILIATES; TO LEND MONEY
 TO AN AFFILIATE OR AFFILIATES; AND TO
 GUARANTEE THE OBLIGATIONS OF AN
 AFFILIATE OR AFFILIATES.

DOCKET NO. E-01345A-02-0707

PROCEDURAL ORDER**BY THE COMMISSION:**

On June 27, 2003, the Arizona Public Service Company ("APS") filed with the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission"), an application for a rate increase and for approval of a purchased power contract ("Rate Application").¹

On November 5, 2003, the Commission's Utilities Division Staff ("Staff") filed a Motion to Consolidate ("Motion") the preliminary inquiry created by Decision No. 65796² (April 4, 2003) ("Financing Application") with the Rate Application, because the matters present overlapping issues.

On November 10, 2003, APS filed its Response to the Motion. In its Response, APS stated that it objects to the formal consolidation of the Rate and Financing Applications, but does not oppose consideration in the Rate Application of any relevant issues associated with the preliminary inquiry ordered in Decision No. 65796.

On November 10, 2003, the Residential Utility Consumer Office ("RUCO") filed its Response to the Motion. In its Response, RUCO opposes the consolidation of the two dockets.

On November 17, 2003, Staff filed its Reply to APS' and RUCO's Responses and stated that it has no objections to simply move the preliminary inquiry from the Financing Application to the

¹ Docket No. E-01345A-03-0437


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Rate Application, rather than formally consolidating the two applications.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the preliminary inquiry created in Decision No. 65796 in the Financing Application docket shall be moved to the Rate Application docket; however, the two dockets are not formally consolidated.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Presiding Officer may rescind, alter, amend, or waive any portion of this Procedural Order either by subsequent Procedural Order or by ruling at hearing.

DATED this ____ day of December, 2003.


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